

To: Physics of the Cosmos Community  
From: Astrophysics Division of NASA's Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters  
Date: September 13, 2013  
Subject: Call for Nominations to the Executive Committee of the Physics of the Cosmos Program Analysis Group (PhysPAG)

Dear Colleagues:

The Astrophysics Division of NASA's Science Mission Directorate is pleased to issue this open call for nominations to serve on the Executive Committee of NASA's Physics of the Cosmos Program Analysis Group, or PhysPAG (<http://pcos.gsfc.nasa.gov/physpag/>). In the coming months, NASA anticipates making at least three new appointments to the PhysPAG Executive Committee, to replace current members who will be rotating off the committee. Appointments will be for a period of 3 years for each selected candidate.

NASA's Physics of the Cosmos (PCOS) Program has a wide breadth of scientific interests, covering topics from cosmology to fundamental physics. The PCOS mission portfolio includes: the Chandra X-ray Observatory, the XMM-Newton Observatory, the Fermi Gamma-ray Observatory, and Planck. However, several other operating missions under separate programs, such as the Explorers and the suborbital program, provide observations of high interest to the PCOS community. For a more detailed description of the program, please visit <http://pcos.gsfc.nasa.gov>.

The PhysPAG is an open, interdisciplinary forum that provides a conduit for community input into the NASA's PCOS Program, and for conducting analyses in support of science objectives and their implications for planning and prioritization of Program activities. The PhysPAG is led by a Chair drawn from the membership of the Astrophysics Subcommittee, and an Executive Committee, whose membership is chosen to reflect the broad range of scientific disciplines and interests represented in PCOS. Together, the PhysPAG Chair and the Executive Committee are responsible for capturing and organizing community input, overseeing PhysPAG analyses, reporting PhysPAG findings and inputs to the Astrophysics Subcommittee, and keeping the scientific community apprised of ongoing activities and opportunities within NASA's Physics of the Cosmos. Detailed information about the structure and function of the PhysPAG can be found on the Web at <http://pcos.gsfc.nasa.gov/physpag>.

Nominations for the PhysPAG Executive Committee should be submitted via email to [Rita.M.Sambruna@nasa.gov](mailto:Rita.M.Sambruna@nasa.gov). Nominations must include both a cover letter and a one-page CV summarizing the nominee's relevant background, all bounded in a single PDF file. The cover letter should provide a description of the nominee's area of expertise and qualifications for service on the PhysPAG Executive Committee. Self-nominations are welcome. The deadline for receipt of nominations is **October 25, 2013**, with announcement of selections anticipated by November 2013.

We look forward to working with all of our stakeholders to continue a robust and compelling Physics of the Cosmos Program.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Physics of the Cosmos Program Analysis Group Executive Council